

I am commenting on Mr. Rippey's request for more HF privileges for Novices and Tech class licenses. I am strongly opposed to his request. I see no reason to grant more privileges to lower class licenses than they already have. If Mr. Rippey wants more HF band privileges then he should upgrade his license just like every other Ham has to. Also since Mr. Rippey let his license expire and renewed it in 1999 I can't understand why he has not upgraded since the upgrade path is a lot easier now than it was in the 1950's and 60's when he was first licensed. If this proposal is approved you might as well only have one license for all amateurs. Amateur Radio has bent over backwards modifying the licensing structure in the last 10-15 years giving more and more to lower class licenses while making it easier to get a ticket. Please do not approve this request.

Sincerely,
Steve Drager W3UXZ